

Faith Series Week 5

Abraham's Last Altar

Genesis 13 1-18

Gen 13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. 2 Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. 3 From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier 4 and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. 5 Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. 6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. 7 And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." 10 Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: 12 Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. 14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

- Christians enmeshed in the world cannot be _____ with themselves.
- The Christian should go nowhere in this world where he has to leave his _____ behind.
- Abraham lost valuable _____ and _____ with God.

Ps. 90:12 " teach me to number my days that we may gain the heart of wisdom."

- Now Abraham, in returning, comes and builds a third altar, the altar of _____.

Heb 4:2 Faith: (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) AMP

- God never tested Lot. Why?
His character was already known; he was _____.

Saints rarely are "captured by the world" _____.

Three Things About The Altar of Faith

1. It's a place of _____

He surrendered:

a) His _____

Henry Blackaby calls it the "crisis of _____". We are constantly moving from choice to choice showing either our _____ or our obedience to God.

b) His _____

The _____ will always live by common sense.

c) His _____

2. It's a place of _____

Must separate from:

- Our _____ - _____ life
- Our _____
- Our _____

3. It's a place of _____

The Altar of Worship- _____

The Altar of Grace- _____

The Altar of Faith - _____

James 2:21-23 was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 you see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 and the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.